MINOR POLICY ADDITIONS

5111P

STUDENTS

ADMISSION/PLACEMENT

Admission

District schools shall be open to all children five years of age and over who reach age five on or before the first day of January of any school year. Each such child shall have, and shall be so advised by the appropriate school authorities, an equal opportunity to participate in the program and activities of the school system without discrimination on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or sexual orientation. The Board will not act upon applications of individual students who are seeking admission and do not meet the minimum age requirements as defined by state law. **Students who are classified as homeless under federal law and therefore do not have a fixed residence will be admitted pursuant to federal law and policy 5118.1P Homeless Students.**

The parent of person having control of a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of age. The parent or person having control of a child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age.

The parent of person shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing an option form. The district shall provide the parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system. According to Connecticut General Statute 10-76d(b2), special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three and who have been identified as being in need of special education, and whose educational potential will be irreparably diminished without special education. If a special education student is being considered for an exception, the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) will make a recommendation to the administrator in charge of special education.

Each child entering the district schools for the first time must present **an original** birth certificate or offer legal evidence of birth data, as well as proof of a recent physical examination and required immunizations. **School personnel may also request legal custodial documentation.** If the parents or guardians of any children are unable to pay for such immunizations, the expense of such immunizations shall on the recommendation of the Boards, be paid by the town. Proof of domicile may also be requested by the Building Principal.

Other documents that may be accepted as proof of a student's age include, but are not limited to:

1. **Photocopy of a birth certificate**
2. **Earlier school records**
3. **State-issued identification document**
4. **Driver's license, passport, etc.**
5. **Parent's affidavit or unsworn statement as to a student's age**
6. **Physician's certificate verifying a student's age**
7. **Immunization records**

Any child entering or returning to the district from placement in a juvenile detention school, the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, or any other residential placement, shall have the education records of such child provided to the Superintendent of Schools by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Judicial Department. Such information will be shared with the Principal of the school to which the student is assigned. The Principal can disclose them to the staff who teach or care for the child.

The District will immediately enroll any student who transfers from Unified District No. 1 or Unified District No. 2. A student transferring from the Unified School Districts who had previously attended school in the local school district shall be enrolled in the school such student previously attended, provided such school has the appropriate grade level for the student.

The parent or person having control of a child **sixteen or** seventeen years of age may consent to a child's withdrawal from school. The parent or person shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a withdrawal form. The withdrawal form (Regulation 5111(dd)) shall include an attestation from a guidance counselor or school administrator of the school that the school district has provided the parent or person with information on the education options available in the school system and in the community.

If a child seventeen years of age or older voluntarily terminates enrollment in a school district and subsequently seeks readmission, the local or regional board of education for the school district may deny school accommodations to the child for up to ninety school days from the date of such termination, unless the child seeks readmission to the school district not later than ten school days after the termination in which case the board shall provide school accommodations to the child not later than three schools days after the child seeks readmission.

Children who apply for initial admission to the district's schools by transfer from nonpublic schools or from schools outside the district will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending observation and evaluation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the school Principal. After such observations and evaluations have been completed, the Principal will determine the final grade placement of the children.

Children who have attained the age of nineteen or older may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program if they cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one.

(cf. 0521 - Nondiscrimination)
(cf. 5112 - Ages of Attendance)
(cf. 5118.1 Homeless Students)
(cf. 5141 - Student Health Services)
(cf. 6171 - Special Education)
(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15 Towns to maintain schools

10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds, as amended by PA 97-247

10-76a - 10-76g re special education

10-184 Duties of parents (re mandatory schooling for children ages five to sixteen, inclusive) as amended by PA 98-243, PA 00-157 and PA 09-6) September Special Session) and PA 18-15

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board. Readmission, as amended.

10-220h Transfer of student records, as amended.

P.A. 11-15 An Act Concerning Juvenile Reentry and Education

Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board

10-233a - 10-233f Inclusive; re: suspend, expel, removal of pupils

10-233c Suspension of pupils

10-233d Expulsion of pupils

10-233k Notification of school officials of potentially dangerous students.

10-261 Definitions

State Board of Education Regulations

10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)

10-76d-7 Admission of student requiring special education (referral)

10-204a Required immunizations

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.

Plyler vs. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

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